

Amendments to the Specification:

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~~DESCRIPTION~~Background of the Invention

At page 4, line 15, please insert the following heading as a separate paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

At page 16, line 17, please insert the following heading as a separate paragraph:

Description of the Drawings

At page 17, line 35, please insert the following heading as a separate paragraph:

Description of the Preferred Embodiment

In the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 22, please correct a reference numeral as follows:

preferably, as shown, the face 12 connects to the face 11 via a circularly annular chamfer 16. In addition, in the immediate vicinity of its connection with the front face 11, i.e. at the chamfer 16 and over a portion of its longitudinal extent going away from this connection, i.e. from the chamfer 16, e.g. over about half its longitudinal dimension between the front face 11 and the shoulder 14, the face 12 preferably presents an annular setback 17 preferably made during prefabrication of the cylinder 2 and designed to receive a sealing gasket 18 between the annular end 3 of the cylinder 2 and the ferrule 5 of the ring 4. In the example shown in Figures 5 to 7, this sealing gasket 18

implemented in the form of a film of elastically compressible sealing material, e.g. a synthetic rubber having hardness of about 60 DIDC, this material and this hardness being given purely by way of non-limiting example, having a thickness of about 1.7 millimeters (mm) in the absence of compression, this figure likewise being given purely by way of non-limiting example, and the setback 1817 is defined by a wall 19 having the same cone angle as the face 12 and set back from it by about half the above specified thickness of the gasket or film 18 relative to a geometrical extension 20 of the face 12 from the chamfer 16 to a transverse annular shoulder 21 connecting with the remainder of the face 12, which shoulder 21 is plane, perpendicular to the axis 9, and faces in the direction opposite to the direction 13. Opposite said shoulder 21, i.e. going away from it in the direction opposite to the direction 13, the wall 19 of the setback 17 connects directly with the chamfer 16; correspondingly, and preferably, the film constituting the gasket 18 is dimensioned in such a manner that once it has been put into place on, the wall 19 of the setback 17 so that it is in a state of circumferential elastic extension, it extends in the direction opposite from the direction 13 from the shoulder 21 to the chamfer 16 and goes round the chamfer so as to form a transverse annular rim on the front face 11 over at least a fraction of the radial extent thereof from the chamfer 16 and going no further than the connection between said front face 11 and the face 10,

the gasket fitting closely to the wall 19 of the setback 17, to the chamfer 16, and to the corresponding portion of the front face 11, and projecting by about half its thickness relative to the geometrical extension 20 of the face 12 between the shoulder 21 and the chamfer 16 in the absence of any elastic compression being applied to said gasket or film 18.

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